

Agroforestry and Forest Garden Network 2011 invites & visits

Welcome to all members old and new to the latest listing of forest garden and agroforestry projects.

It is up to members to choose and arrange any visits from this list that they are interested in – please follow instructions given with each invite.

Agroforestry & Forest Garden Network

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Email: mail@agroforestry.co.uk

Resources:

Discussion groups:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForestGardening/>

<https://we.riseup.net/permacultureforestgardening>

Apios institute: www.apiosinstitute.org

US-based network that builds communities of practitioners to research and demonstrate temperate agroforestry systems. Hosts an Edible Forest Garden wiki.

Agroforestry Research Trust: www.agroforestry.co.uk

Uk-based research, information and resource centre for forest gardening and agroforestry.

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South West England

Agroforestry Research Trust, Dartington Devon.

2.1 acre forest garden, 17 years old.

8 Acre trials field including nut trials, 14 years old,

Tours through the spring and summer – check website at www.agroforestry.co.uk for dates and availability. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Nearest railway station: Totnes. Walk/cycle via riverside path to Shinnars Bridge (1 mile) and follow directions as below. By car, take A384; 400m N of Shinnars Bridge, take lane by church signed to 'Dartington Hall'; after 250 m, take track on left signed 'Craft Education'; continue to end and park at car park. Forest garden is adjacent.

Email mail@agroforestry.co.uk

Anna Lewins & Mike Pauley - Lydford Forest Garden, Somerset

Email: mp@the-forest-farm.com.

The garden is 8 ½ years old and is 1/4 acre. Planted with fruit and nut trees, fruit bushes, mixed hedge around perimeter with 2 gates to keep it enclosed.

The garden is accessible at any time as it is on a public footpath.

Directions: Go to Lydford-on-Fosse crossroads in Somerset. Head up the A37 towards Shepton Mallet and turn left past the garage on left (West Lydford). After about 1/4 mile go over Brue River bridge and turn left into church car park. Walk through the church gate, through cemetery footpath, over narrow bridge and the garden is in front of you. Farm tracks do not belong to us so please do not drive down them unless there is a person in a wheelchair whereby we can get permission, but let us know.

By train: Castle Cary station is 6 miles away, then there should be buses to Lydford on Fosse, then **walking, but cannot be certain of buses meeting every train.**

Embercombe (main contact: Jessie Watson Brown), South Devon.

The Forest Garden project was started autumn 2009, and is about 1/3 hectare. We are a social enterprise based on a 50 acre site in Devon running courses and working with many sectors.

People can come and visit anytime/anyday, but its best to check with us before you come as we may have a course running, or may be really busy.

So ring the office on 01647252983 or email info@embercombe.co.uk
there are directions on our website: www.embercombe.co.uk

Ann Dickman, Tongue End, Okehampton, EX20 1QL

Visits may be possible by arrangement.

1/4 acre orchard is being converted to a forest garden. One perennial patch is a year old, another started this year, mini pond and attempting to grow naked oats and bird feed, Fukuoka style.

Bus stop at Tongue End, Okehampton, for X10 and local buses 30 yards from house.

Phone to arrange - 01837 840966

Benedict Critchley, Sticklepark, Yarlington, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8DH
Tel 01963 440662

Size and stage of project: 1/2 acre with integrated fowl (chickens and geese; ducks later) and ponds (experimental 'backyard' carp-farming; 150m²). FG with emphasis on aesthetic design (structure, form, colour) more associated with conventional gardens. Site is ex-pasture in valley bottom so wind-protected but frost-prone. Ponds complete and working since summer 2003; FG in process of planting i.e. very early stage!

Visits: anytime by prior arrangement.

Directions: Grid Ref 663293. Yarlington is 1/2 mile SW of the A371 midway between Castle Cary and Wincanton. Sticklepark is between Yarlington village and the A371. If lost, callbox is in village. Local rail stations: Castle Cary 3 miles and 40 minutes walk, Templecombe 6 miles (taxi). Will pick-up personally from station if it saves a long car journey!

Cornish Garden Nurseries, Perranarworthal, Truro, Cornwall.

The Forest Garden at Cornish Garden Nurseries, Perran - ar - Worthal, near Truro, Cornwall, is 28 acre mixed woodland, orchard and vineyard.

The re – development and restoration of the site is currently under way, which has just completed it's 3rd year of a 5 year management plan.

Most of the site is open to visitors daily, however for a tour of the vineyard and orchard it is best to phone ahead. For a guided tour of the site, please phone Pip Howard during office hours on 01872 864380, or e-mail us at cgn@cgn2000.fsnet.co.uk and visit our temporary website www.cgn2000.fsnet.co.uk .

Throughout the year various talks and demonstrations are held, details of which can be supplied by request.

Cornish Garden Nurseries are easy to find on the A39 southbound from Truro to Falmouth, the nursery is entered by a lay - by just south of the village of Perran - ar - Worthal.

Anne Stobart, Holt Wood Medicinal Trees and Shrubs

Great Torrington, Devon

How We Started Holt Wood Herbs

Many herbal medicines are sourced abroad even though they could be grown in the UK. Holt Wood Herbs is a project aimed at producing sustainable supplies of medicinal trees and shrubs. We purchased the site in 2004 when it was stocked with Sitka Spruce aged 35 to 40 years. It is a site of 2 ½ acres sloping down towards the River Torridge in North Devon. This means that we have different types of environment for growing, from clay to stony to marshy, enabling a wide variety of wild flowers and other plants to grow. The lower part of the site would once have been part of a Culm grassland area, managed with grazing stock. The original trees were cleared for chipboard and planking by a local contractor and we designed a new planting scheme. This included a backbone of Ash and Oak for long term timber supply, and Hazel for fuel crops (with Alder and Willow in moister parts). These trees are planted in blocks interspersed with medicinal trees like Buckthorn, Cramp Bark, Hawthorn, Limeflower, Willow and more. Some introduced trees and shrubs are included such as Ginkgo, Oregon Graperoot, Prickly Ash Bark, and Witch Hazel. Using Permaculture design principles, the layout includes many edges to provide spaces for smaller shrubs and herbaceous plants. Some wide rides have been included for access and to encourage wildlife such as butterflies.

Looking Ahead

The ongoing management of the trees and shrubs will be based around coppicing sections each year to provide bark for medicinal use and other benefits such as Willow for basketry, Buckthorn and Alder for charcoal. We also have some ongoing crops from fruit and nut trees. Over the coming years we will explore this coppicing approach alongside various methods of harvesting and drying. Our aim is to learn and spread the word to encourage more sustainable UK production of medicinal trees and shrubs.

WOOD WORKING DAYS

A chance to join us for a day from 10am to 4pm and get involved in maintaining the Wood. Activities might include weeding, digging, cutting out low branches, building a compost loo and more. We bring lunch and refreshments so long as you tell us you are coming at least a week beforehand! Boots and gardening gloves advised. 10 am to 4 pm, Sat 29 January, Sat 30 April, Sat 30 July, Sat 29 October 2011

WOOD OPEN DAY

An afternoon walkabout with a qualified medical herbalist to see how the wood is developing. Hear about the medicinal herbs and progress with the project. Kids can come too and join a bughunt (they must be accompanied by an adult). Space for this event is limited so you need to book in advance. 2 – 4 pm, Sat 28 May 2011

SUMMER CELEBRATION AT THE WOOD

Bring food to share on the barbecue, something to drink, and musical instruments for a joyful summer evening. Camping overnight if you bring your tent (let us know so we can earmark camping/parking space for you). 8pm onwards, Saturday 25th June 2011

SEE OUR WEBSITE AND BLOG

Look at the website www.holtwoodherbs.co.uk. For further information about setting up the Project. We hope to develop and extend this website in the coming year(s). Also have a look at Anne's blog about her trip to the United States to learn about medicinal plants there including species 'at risk' due to over-harvesting or loss of habitat. See the blog at herbaid.blogspot.com.

JOIN THE RESEARCH DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are active, or interested, in research which could help to support developments in sustainable plant medicine then consider joining the email discussion list Sustainable-Plant-Med maintained on the academic JISCMAIL site. Get in touch for more information.

JOIN THE HOLT WOOD NEWS MAILING LIST

A short newsletter circulated by email about twice a year. If you would like to receive this, then let us know.

CONTACT US BY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE

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Kennall Vale Mills. Kennall Valley, West Cornwall.

Our forest garden is on about 2 acres of former pasture land. This was left untouched for about 10 years, windbreak trees and shrubs were planted in 1999 and 2000. Planting on the canopy layer was started in 2006/2007 and continues.

There is a huge rabbit population, rabbit fencing will start this year.

The garden is part of a 20 acre site which includes mature beech woodland, regenerating oak woodland, wilderness areas and a small lake. There are also 2 holiday cottages.

Website <http://freespace.virgin.net/christopher.austin2/>

Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement.

Ring Natasha on 01209 861168
e mail natasha@austin-uk.co.uk

Raymond Yarwood, Hayle, Cornwall

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Small coastal forest garden built on sand dunes on four levels. First plantings 1982. Use of mulches and nitrogen fixing trees and shrubs. Diverse plantings. Ongoing project. Website www.towansforestgarden.co.uk updated each season.

Open for visits – please telephone or e-mail to arrange.

Area described in the official Soil Survey as ‘Land with extremely severe limitations that cannot be rectified.’

Coastal forests were cleared 6,000 years ago resulting in erosion leading to the massive build up of wind blown shell sand across the intervening centuries. There are huge stretches here on the north coast of Cornwall known locally as ‘the towans.’

Aim is to increase fertility and biodiversity of the site with mainly food bearing plants, exploring the limits of trees and shrubs and inclusive of local maritime vegetables.

Alan Newton & Beryl Brookman, Hayle, Cornwall

Telephone – 01736 740815

Gonew Woods, Lelant Downs, Hayle, TR27 6NH

Garden is 13 acres, mostly planted over the last 12 years. Anyone on the network is welcome to visit by arrangement or stay a while as a Wwofer [vegetarian food and humble accommodation in return for 4 hours work per day]. Situated between St Ives and Hayle – phone for further directions.

Chris Brooks

Vine Tree Farm, Gander Lane, Teddington, Gloucester, GL20 8JA.

We only moved here last August and our first priority was to get the house in order.

We have a 60 acre farm, of which about half is currently down to sheep grazing (not ours, one of the local farmers hired it from us over winter) and hay in the summer.

The other half of the farm is steep sided and boggy and of little use for "conventional agriculture". It is built on almost solid clay (you could make pots from some of the soil) and I'm just about to survey the site for pH. I suspect it will be well on to the acid side.

It is this area that we intend to turn into forest farm/pond and wetland/diverse habitat.

We are very keen for anyone interested to feel free to "shove in their oar", give us opinions and advice. Visits would be more than welcomed. We would always be happy to "put up" anyone interested in taking a look.

I've also started a small blog. It's more a diary for me than anything else, along with links included that I find useful or relevant, but it's there to be seen for anyone who is interested. <http://vinetreefarm.blogspot.com>

There are also some shots of the land here. <http://www.countrycottagescotswolds.co.uk/gallery.html> It's actually the web-site for our holiday cottage, so not all the shots are appropriate for this, but it gives a general idea of what we have to work with.

Email: Christine Brooks - chris.goingtothedogs@googlemail.com

Auriol and Roger Penniceard, Long View, Tuttors Hill, Cheddar, BS27 3JG

Project start June 2008. Trees and shrubs planting to date. Perennial herbaceous layer continuing now, also some annual food plants. Approx one acre FG area within total eleven and a half acres Mendip scarp site.

Quarter acre with electric deer fence for smaller fruit trees, shrubs and herbaceous layer, with bantams. Three-quarters acre orchard-pasture with guinea fowl and feral Soay sheep. Further scattered 'wild-type' tree/shrub planting intended for parts of secondary woodland. Remaining area scrub and species-rich grassland managed for wildlife.

Difficult access, by PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY only on Saturday, 4th June 2pm start, for look round, optional cup of tea. For your personal invitation, please email me at <apenniceard@gmail.com> Otherwise, for a partial view, there's a public footpath along the south and east borders of the site. NB you cannot come in a car unless you have been personally invited beforehand. There is public parking in Cheddar village or in Cheddar Gorge, and some limited parking at the top of Tuttors Hill, before Chelms Combe old Quarry.

No particular aim for visit. Beginners' forest garden at early stage, with inevitable mistakes and challenges. Roe deer with possible ticks in wilder parts: wear long trousers that you can tuck into your socks and boots (no sandals please), and keep out of the long grass. Boots are best anyway because the hill is steep and rocky with pot holes.

Sorry, no disabled access. No dogs. No smoking.

Directions: <http://www.cheddarvillage.co.uk/Transport/index.htm> for information re transport to Cheddar. Public transport is poor and parking limited. Better rail station for onward bus, Weston-Super-Mare bus 126/826. Cheddar bus stop is on Tweentown (B3135) close to roundabout junction with Cliff Street, from where it's a 10 minutes walk to Long View. Go east along Tweentown, first exit at roundabout with Cliff street; immediate left onto Birch Hill, keep going until junction with Silver Street on left, where you turn right onto Tuttors Hill until facing entrance for Rockland House, where you take sharp right at sign to Long View, which is second building on left up steep steps.

N.B. If travelling by car to <http://maps.google.co.uk/> Long View, BS27 3JG, you CANNOT turn right off Tuttors Hill. Instead you MUST go on uphill until Tuttors Hill widens out into double-width where you turn round, come back down the hill and turn left into the drive for Long View, which is also a public footpath so beware of walkers. Go along drive, past house and garage on left, until it widens and you can turn sharp left up a new driveway next to a five bar gate. If there is room to turn round, do so before you park. (Also, NB no access from Cufic Lane off Cliff Street (Cheddar Gorge).

Tess Stone, East Devon

We are in the 3rd winter of planting trees, mostly fruit and nuts so far, but also wind breaks and hedges. The plot is 12 Acres but about 3 Acres has currently been planted up.

No visits have been arranged yet, I've just given up work to concentrate more on it so please ring or email if you are interested in coming to look.

I have an email bank of people who are interested in volunteer days and group sessions so if you would like to be kept informed please email or telephone me.

We have a good size shed for shelter and an outdoor oven so lunch is usually "bring something to share"

Some work party days will be advertised locally, but some small woodland groups, for example, are welcome to come and look around.

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Location: Near Farway Plantation, Between Honiton, Sidmouth and Ottery St. Mary in East Devon

Directions:

From Honiton (on A303), take the Sidmouth road, half way (about 3 miles) there is the Hare and Hounds pub. Take the left hand turn here, towards Seaton. The field is 1 mile along here on the right hand side, (after Knapp Copse Nature Reserve) There is a train station in Honiton and a regular bus route between Honiton and Sidmouth. Get off at the Hare and Hounds and walk the mile to the field. (there is a public footpath through some common land part of the way) Hope here from some of you!

Lisa Guy

Higher Keigwin Farm, Morvah, Penzance, Cornwall, TR19 7TS.

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I have a large hedged formal forest garden that is in its 3rd year with a large poly tunnel that is quite a well established mediterranean forest garden. Its formal in the sense that the planting all occurs in large raised beds and smaller ones with wood chipped path ways. I have concentrated mostly on fruit so there are a large number of fruit bushes and trees and a strawberry/sorrel/lambs lettuce understorey, artichokes (globe and jerusalem)and rhubarb, interspersed with herbs. Its not a typical forest garden but is quite interesting. I am also working on a 2 acre field adjoining our existing 5 acre wetland goat willow wood. This was started 4 years ago and is still in the stage of developing a shelter belt all around the field. This takes time as we are right on the North Atlantic coast and it is rather wild, also the majority of the shelter belt has had to be goat willow (not the fastest of the willows!) to get permission as we are in an Environmentally Sensitive Area, so options of pine/olearia/grisilinea etc have not been possible. But I have managed to secure 420 trees from the Woodland Trust to put in this March and in the willow wood.

I am happy to have an open invite status, and people would be welcome to chat with me first as I am a long way down! If people could just confirm when they might like to come that would be great. If anyone wants to visit this March they can help plant trees!

Directions; Head to Penzance (where rail and bus station are situated) follow the by passes around PZ until you get to a roundabout which is signposted to St.Just (A3071) take this road for 3 miles until you get to a road sign posted to Pendeen on the right (B3318) follow this road to the bottom where you meet a crossroads and turn right. Stay on this road for 1/2 mile until you get to a sharp left hand bend in the road, on the right is Yew Tree Gallery and other granite cottages with a lane in between. Take this lane and 200 yards down it you will find our farm, its the last farm before the track disintegrates to cobble and rab.

Mr. Bob Chard: Isle Barton, Wadeford, Chard, Somerset. TA20 3BN

In April 2008 we purchased a newly built barn conversion and 4.8 acres of derelict agricultural land in South Somerset. We have a 5 year business plan to create a viable agroforestry small holding, which as far as possible makes us self sufficient in food, energy, water and fuel; and which we hope will also have a zero carbon footprint.

So far we have created a small fruit orchard and small nut orchard of walnut, chestnut and hazel trees, as well as developing vegetable gardens and small fruit.

I am a member of the Blackdown Hills Woodland Owners Association and the Royal Forestry Society, with a special interest in the forestry aspects of agro-forestry. I will concentrate on the cultivation of high input for high value timber trees aiming at final crop tree values of £1,000 to £2,000 per tree and especially THIS trees (Tropical Hardwood Importation Substitution). These trees are mostly fast growing alien hardwood species, which initially will yield a wide range of co-products before final crop; including wood chip thinnings, woodfuel prunings, compost materials, fruits, nuts, coppice, fungi, honey and much more.

I am interested to exchange ideas and work with other agroforestry enterprises which have an interest to research and use the potential of Britain's 5,000 species of alien trees ; and especially THIS trees. Further information on the forestry and agroforestry aspects of our smallholding can be sent to you by e-mail on request to:
robertian.chard@ virgin.net.

Noni Mackenzie, South Devon

Project: Approx 1 acre of a 10 acre biodynamic small holding certified organic by the Soil Association, hoping to transfer to Demeter certification (biodynamic) this year.. I began to plant up with some fruit and nut trees and ground cover to create a forest garden in early 2008.

The plot is still under transition from organic perennial rye grass to mature forest garden and will be for some years to come.

Other aspects of our plot which may be of interest are a 1- acre vegetable plot, a green willow labyrinth and an outdoor bread oven, all at a fairly early stage of development.

The small holding is intended to provide biodynamic veg and fruit for sale, opportunities for craftwork, meditation, reflection and companionship.

The integration of a forest garden with a more conventional orchard and annual production of vegetables is envisaged. The involvement of others practising the activities of ceramics, basket-weaving, wool and flax spinning and hand-loom weaving and related crafts are encouraged, alongside horticultural work, fostering a re-evaluation of our relationship with the natural world through practical engagement.

Visiting: I would be glad of visitors who can provide practical help to bring my Forest Garden and other activities to maturity. Please contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time to visit.

Telephone: 01364 653178

E-mail: noni-m@supanet.com

Regular work days are planned. Please contact me for details and directions to the site which is near Hazard, 3 miles from Totnes, Devon.

Wales

Creating Welhealth Co-operative, Middle of North Wales, next to Snowdonia.

We have two farms of 7 acres and 20 acres.

The 20 acre Farm has a more developed Forest Garden, with fruit and nut trees, and mixed woods, fruit bushes, and herbs. It has working displays of Solar hot water, and small wind and solar electricity. We are presently considering planting a large area of biomass willow in an ideally suited wetland meadow on the land.

The less developed 7 acre Farm has land for camping and 2 caravans for visitor accommodation, we have reinstated a small outbuilding into a little cottage, and we have built workshops, polytunnel, pond, compost toilets, planted 1000s own propagated fruit and nut trees, and fruit bushes around the perimeter of the land, and work is going on at present growing forest garden plants, fruit bushes, trees, and propagating hazels, local northern sweet chestnuts, monkey puzzles + more from seed, and putting in services such as water supply and the electricity supply to all the buildings from the small solar and wind generators. We are hoping to start to plant out about an acre of biofuel willow this year, and are enthusiastically growing forest garden plants and trees. We have an area set aside for wildlife, and are promoting the friendliness of the wildlife generally, toads, frogs, newts, stoats, badgers, we have very tame pheasants, and small birds, so cats and dogs are obviously not welcomed!. We have started planting a small forest garden, but as our knowledge is low in this area we would very much welcome people to advise on it.

The whole focus of our project is important and unique in the 'sustainable arena', because its about cashless economics, as money is socially excluding, and creates scarcity and insufficiency, which is especially relevant to basic essentials, and so we are very interested in sharing free resources and free plants with other forest gardeners, which is a friendly and community enhancing thing to do!

People in the Network are very welcome to come and help with any project that we are doing. We would really appreciate people to come and share knowledge and advise us on our forest garden design. Come for an hour or two for a chat and a cuppa, if passing this way, or come for the day. Come and stay for a few days camping, or stay in the visitor accommodation. Note, it probably doesn't need to be said, but we'd appreciate no wellies or outside footwear, and no smoking in the visitor accommodation. There is a shared vegan kitchen, which is well stocked for people to take and have free of charge, but a donation sharing costs to keep it replenished would be good. (Note: The land is Forest Garden land, and we are currently doing the legal structure to ensure that it will always be held in trust for forest gardening, and not owned by a proprietor, so any energy visitors put in, will be for that purpose)

We have various ongoing projects, such as tree propagating, tree planting, electrical and services installation, improving the composting area, and camping area. We are also propagating hazels and sweet chestnuts, monkey puzzle trees, plus others, for

you to take home to plant in your area if you would like to. We also hold a garden workday, and party gathering on a weekend every quarter year, it includes a little cabaret and comedy act which is very popular and we'd love people to come to that, its good fun, dancing, music, good food, good people, join in or chill out and relax, no stress, we usually have a bonfire outside or if its chilly, an open fire in a large conservatory area. come and bang the bongoes! all welcome.

It would be useful that people could confirm their visit in the week before so as to make sure that there is someone here, as we could be on holiday or on a visit ourselves.

Telephone or text, Vic 01490 420074 and Email: vic_button@yahoo.co.uk

or Frank on 07980 158661 or 07706 589090 and Email: frank_bowman@yahoo.co.uk

By road. On a road map, Find Cerrig Y Drudion, North Wales, look to the right of that, on the B5105, 3.5 Miles is Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr, or shortened to Llanfihangel G.M., go through the village, past the Crown Pub, up the hill, and 1/2 mile up the hill, going along the flat take the first signposted lane left, go up and down that lane a short way 1/4 mile, you'll see a farm building on the right by a gate with a red post box, park there and go through the gate, remembering to close it after you, and down at the bottom of that track is the farm. I think there's a bus from Betws Y Coed and Ruthin, twice a week, best to search for Arriva, North Wales, Bus 72. The nearest train stations are at Betws Y Coed, and Wrexham or Chirk, coming from the South.

**Bruce Slark, Woodland Garden Project, Maes Y Mor (twixt field & sea),
Moylegrove, Pembrokeshire, SA43 3BU. 01239 881394**

Current Progress.

Canopy trees and some small trees/shrubs planted November/February 2002/3 on a 4 acre site which was previously used to graze horses. there were no horses on the land since the spring of 2001. The hay was cut in 2002 and 50% retained for use as a mulch.

Since work started over 120 trees and shrubs have been planted as well as the clearance of large areas of bramble and fallen branches, which had been invading all the way round the boundaries.

An area has been cleared near the southern boundary to grow some vegetables and form nursery beds for the shrub and ground layers for the woodland garden. As a vegan and organic grower many of the fruit, nuts, grains, leaves and berries will form the basis of the households diet with an ambition to be 80% self sufficient within 5 years.

Visitors from the Forest Garden Network will be welcome by prior arrangement at anytime.

The area is well known for its outstanding scenery and wildlife. October is also the time of year that the seal pups are born, there is a plethora of ancient burial chambers and other significant historic sites. On top of all this Newport is also the home of Tony Wrench, permaculturist(of round house fame) who I understand is always pleased to arrange visits. I also have links to the Deasartation Trust who are restoring coppice woodlands in the area and are always pleased to see interested visitors.

Directions to site

By public transport

Moylegrove is a small coastal village equidistant between Fishguard and Cardigan in the beautiful county of Pembrokeshire. The nearest station is Fishguard which has a twice daily service from Paddington but for practical purposes only one train in the daytime. There are stations at Carmarthen and Aberystwyth with good links to the main networks and regular trains. There are reliable bus services to Cardigan from both towns. From Cardigan ring me and I will collect you as there is no direct service to Moylegrove.

By Car

From M4 take A48 to Carmarthen at Carmarthen take the A40 signposted St Clears. Stay on the A40 all the way to Fishguard. Ignore signposts to the ferry and proceed into Fishguard town at first roundabout go straight on the A487 signposted Cardigan. You will pass through Dinas and then at the next town Newport take a left turn just as you exit the town signposted Moylegrove. Be sure to stop at the estuary 1/2 mile, to admire the scenery. As you approach Moylegrove (7 miles)go down the steep hill into the village. Turn left at the bottom of the hill signposted Ceibwr. Maes Y Mor is the

second property on the left (1/2 mile). Please drive in and turn to the right to park.

From Cardigan take the A487 to Fishguard in about 3 miles you will come to a junction turn right here signposted Moylegrove. Follow this lane to the end and turn left at the T junction. Left take the first left (all turnings are signposted Moylegrove). As you approach the village there is a steep winding decent so please take care and keep to a low gear. Turn right at the foot of a steep hill signposted Ceibwr. (chapel on corner) and Maes Y Mor is the second house on the left.

The Bangor Forest Garden (BFG), North Wales

Our project was established in 1997 as the result of a master's degree dissertation which sought to identify the feasibility of setting up a forest Garden in North Wales. This led to the establishment of a forest garden at the University of Wales Bangor's university farm on a site of an old orchard of around one acre. Since 1997, the project has relied significantly on voluntary participation for its continued maintenance and resources for its development have been limited, so despite the hard work of several committed members, it often failed to fulfil its full potential. In the last year however we have received funding to pay for two employees to run the garden as a demonstration site and to spread both the forest gardening message and that of sustainability to the community as a whole. We plan to use the garden site as a base for events of an environmental theme and also, to work with the community to establish similar projects throughout the area.

Visits to the garden are always welcome for those interested and guided tours can be arranged to suit anyone's time schedule. Advice and feedback is always welcome. Working visits are also welcome, and generally, there are workdays every Sunday from about 11.30 am throughout the year where volunteers are welcome to come and help out with whatever needs doing at the site. kids are welcome and our education officer, when in attendance, does a great job of entertaining them. We are able to pay travel expenses, but we generally advise that volunteers bring their own lunches.

We can also arrange longer stays for working visits, particularly when we are likely to be busy with events (e.g. building a planned straw bale structure) and it may be possible to arrange accommodation and expenses for those who may wish to come and work at the garden for periods of several days or more.

It is best to contact one of our project Officers before visiting the site so as to be able to arrange a guided tour or to be informed about upcoming events and work days.

We would recommend that all those interested in visiting garden contact one of our project officers who will be glad to arrange tours or inform about workdays, given that the location of the site is a little tricky to find.

For any information about the project or visiting the site please do not hesitate to contact :

sarah@thebfg.org.uk or contact@thebfg.org.uk

Linda Merriman / Ivor Arbuckle - South Snowdonia

What: Cottage/barns/pigsties in various stages of repair plus 0.5 acre of what used to be the hub of a 70 acre farm in the 18th century

We moved here 5 years ago from the West Midlands where we had an award-winning garden (very small) based on forest garden/permaculture/organic principles. We also had allotments.

Over the last five years, we have planted 300 native hedging trees and many fruit trees, some native to Wales. We have cleared loads of rubbish, worked on buildings, pathways and drystone walls and acquired hens and ducks. We also have cats and a dog.

We have a stall on the Farmers' Market where we sell eggs, bread, preserves and spare fruit and veg.

We run the Dolgellau seed swap and an Apple Day where people come to convert their apples into juice and cider. We produce the newsletter for the local wholefood co-op and take part in Welsh village life.

Dan I'n dysgu Cymraeg!

Visits/stays welcome to people with enthusiasm who would like to do some physical work in exchange for basic accommodation and food. We have a lot to do!

Travel:

Nearest station Machynlleth. Then 32 bus to Dolgellau and an infrequent 33 bus to Llanfachreth or a 4 mile walk. Car – leave Dolgellau over river bridge. Turn right onto Bala Rd. Turn left opposite Library (just after Somerfield) marked Llanfachreth. Go 3 miles. Turn left at Precipice Walk Car Park (Hermon). We are a field gate on the left hand side. You can not see us from the road

Address:

Glasdirllchaf
Llanfachreth
Dolgellau
Gwynedd
LL40 2NN

Tel 01341 422177

Call or write to tell us about yourselves.

Bruce and Sara Stanley

The site is a 7ha south east facing hillside small-holding at 300 to 370m. There is a new 2ha native broadleaf wood and a five year old, developing, 1ha forest garden making the transition to an edible system. We've been here for a year.

We are open to visits most weekday afternoons by arrangement. Phone us to arrange specific visits.

We are happy to show you around and discuss our design and the challenges of the site. We are always happy to accept some help in exchange for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a hug. We are also developing an inventory of plants and seeds to swap.

Primary contact is Bruce on 07866 109930.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

Troed Yr Esgair Barn is just outside of Llangurig in mid Wales.

Take the A44 from Llangurig to Aberystwyth. Half a mile out of the village take the left turn (sign-posted to a campsite). This road goes over the river Wye, past the campsite, then swings to the right. After it crosses a small stream, the Barns are on your left, down a drive that goes behind the original white farmhouse (don't go to the white farmhouse Troed-yr-Esgair). If you start going uphill, you've gone too far.

Caersws Station is 15 miles away. Busses stop in Llangurig, 1 mile away.

Map: <http://bit.ly/h4hEGD>

THE COMMUNITY FOREST FARM
<http://www.communityforestfarm.co.uk/>

On March 1, 2011 we launched a community share offer to buy part of Llwyn Ffranc Farm on the slopes of the Skirrid, a holy mountain close to the Welsh town of Abergavenny.

Llwyn Ffranc Limited, a community benefit society, is inviting members of the public to buy £50 shares to develop a farm where people connect with land, food and forest. A central aim is to create a viable model of community-owned farming for the 21st century.

The share offer is for 63 acres of land -- 50 acres of forest and 13 acres of orchard, grassland and mixed woodland.

We want this farm to become a meeting place, so on Saturday April 16 we will be launching a wiid garlic festival, a celebration of woodland and wild food.

Jenny Howell
Manager – Riverside Community Garden Project

Our community garden is 5 years old. We have started to develop a small forest garden in the last two years, and have now taken over a larger and very shaded area (the size of two allotments) which we will be developing over the next few years.

Visitors are welcome to volunteer on our regular workdays which are Wednesdays and Fridays. Other visits are by arrangement only. We generally charge a flat rate of £50 for group visits of around 2 hours, but would be open to swapping visits with other projects.

We have plenty of work for those who wish, but are equally happy with the opportunity to swap experiences, advice and plants with other groups.

Contact details: 0753 238 5899 – mainly Wednesdays and Fridays but messages can be left otherwise.

outreach@riversidemarket.org.uk

Facebook Group : Riverside Community Garden Project Website:

www.riversidemarket.org.uk

We are on Pontcanna Permanent Allotments, Pontcanna Fields, just off Western Avenue. Contact me for details on how to reach the site.

Southern England

Nigel Jennings, Ashford, Kent

Tel: 01797 226603

1 ha plot. Purchased in 1991. Small orchard planted in 1994 and various specimen trees from 1994 to date. Agro-forestry area started last year.

During the summer I tend to be there at least once a week on a Saturday or Sunday. Visitors are welcome to view and perhaps offer advice and experience. Work can be found for those that would like it. Please telephone at least a few days in advance to check that I will be available.

There is B&B accommodation locally but if anyone wishes to camp overnight this can be agreed.

Map to site:

http://www.multimap.com/maps/?qs=woodchurch&countryCode=GB#map=51.07791,0.77338|16|4&dp=os&bd=useful_information&loc=GB:51.07805:0.77251:17|woodchurch

Park in the car park adjacent to the green and public toilets. Take the path away from the green and passing the village hall on the left. Take the first left past the first house on the left. You will come to two gates. The gate on the left is to the field.

Organiclea, Chingford

Organiclea is a small food growing cooperative in the Lea Valley on London's edge, E4. It began in February 2001 from the idea that more food can and should be grown locally, in London - and it's better to work with others than alone. The project was inspired by the rich food growing heritage of the Lea Valley once known as the bread basket of London.

Our site is an acre of once-derelict allotment land, which includes a quarter acre forest garden with resident honey-bees.

The best time to visit is on one of our regular workdays which are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 12-5pm. (but it's best to call or email first). Bring food to share if you are coming over lunch.

Visit www.organiclea.org.uk/contact for a map, transport and contact details

OrganicLea's site is at Hawkwood allotment on Drysdale Avenue, E4, accessed between houses 121 and 123.

By bicycle: The River Lea towpath is the best route from London; get off just before Ponders End lock and turn right into Lea Valley Road.

By train: Chingford is the nearest station, on the Liverpool St line.

Buses: The 313 and 379 stop at Drysdale Avenue. The 313 also connects to Potters Bar, Enfield, Southbury and Ponders End rail stations. From Walthamstow underground station, bus no. 215 stops every 30 mins at the junction of Sewardstone Road and Kings Head Hill.

Call London Transport on 020 7222 1234 for service details.

Email: organiclea@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 07786 657713

Moulsecoomb forest garden and wildlife project, Brighton

The project covers seven allotments and has been going since 1994

Regular workdays currently Tuesday 10am-5pm, Fridays 11am-3pm and Sundays 1-5pm. Contact: 01273 707656 info@forestgarden.fsnet.co.uk www.seedybusiness.org
We also put on events throughout the year

No need to confirm visit – just turn up on the workdays. We can arrange special visits if people get in touch beforehand.

Coming by train from Brighton – get off at Moulsecoomb Station and we are directly behind the station. By car from Brighton go to Lewes Road, turn left just past Brighton University down Queensdown School Road, follow road up and under railway bridge and take sharp left and park by electricity buildings.

Jim Warham, North London

Contacts for sites: Chris, Gepke & James Warham We have 2 sites, our fairly conventional family garden, which includes a number of mature and semi mature trees including apples, hazel and ornamental species (2 mature birch) as well as normal garden plants. Our other site is approximately 2 9 pole allotments at the bottom of a steep north facing slope, effectively on a woodland edge. Cultivation is a mixture of narrow beds and informal planting. Our plots are edged with a number of shrubby plants (as shelter/windbreaks for the crops) of various species. Of particular interest are 2 apple trees known to be over 60 years old. There are also other apple, plum, cherry plum and fruit such as gooseberry and jostaberry as well as a large number of adjoining wild fruits (blackberry, Sloe etc and local trees.). The soil is London clay.

New to the allotment site as a whole is a growing interest in beekeeping, with a total of 9 beekeepers on the site. Part of the attraction of this site is its size (over 100 allotments in all) and the fact that the site overlooks the valley to Alexandra Palace (great views) and adjoins open space leading to ancient woodland of Highgate and Queens woods as part of the North London 'green belt'. Access to Londons Parkland walk is also nearby Other allotment holders practise various methods of cultivation from textbook 'conventional RHS' to organic, through to permaculture and elements of agroforestry. A local Horticultural Society covering the allotments has a website at: [<http://www.chadahs.org.uk>](http://www.chadahs.org.uk)

You must arrange your visit to the allotments in order to gain accompanied access to the site which is usually locked. Vehicle & main public access is via Montenotte Road in North London. Please be aware the access and site are on a steep north facing gradient, weather can be changeable and the site is subject to brisk winds. Bring own food or try one of the many eateries in the local area. Drinks (tea, etc may be available) There is always work to be done, and there are occasional overall site 'work days' on the allotments site as a whole. You need to ask about these as they are infrequent. There is an annual plant sale, usually in end of May/June. We're also always interested in sharing and learning ideas. If you want to visit and give a hand, your more than welcome. Please contact for precise location/address. Please do book & confirm visits/cancellations, 020 8348 5694 during main office hours please. (10 - 4 Mon - Fri) Or via email jim@warham.com Closest

Underground: Highgate Tube station. We can arrange to meet people here at the Priory Gardens entrance. Overground Crouch Hill or Finsbury park (followed by W7 bus) Buses W5 or W7. By road. We are off Shepherds Hill, turning from the A1/Archway Road. We now have permit parking, Visitors permits can be arranged.

Map for allotment site <http://tiny.cc/Agro>

Gemma Harris, North London

I am interested in growing edible perennials, and would be delighted to share ideas, seeds, cuttings etc with other forest garden enthusiasts.

Near to Highgate Tube Station.

Phone 078 06 87 05 05 or email harrisgemma@hotmail.com

Forest garden project, High Woods Country Park, Essex

The forest garden project based at High Woods Country Park in Essex is in an early stage of development. Planting began in 2004. The garden is approximately ¼ acre in size and set in a 330 acre woodland.

The garden has many aims and objectives. We aim to increase biodiversity and support wildlife. We aim to include native plant species wherever possible. The garden has a small orchard area with traditional Essex apple varieties. The garden's use of perennial plants encourages no dig methods like mulching and compost making. The plants in the garden are grown to be used for a variety of purposes including food, dye, green manure, plant supports, coppice crafts and arts and crafts.

Monthly work parties are run on Sundays. Volunteers participate in the planning stages as well as planting and garden maintenance. Please call to confirm dates and times. Other visits can be made by prior arrangement. Visitor Centre and toilets open daily in summer and weekends only in winter.

Contact Sherene Pudney on 01206 853588 or sherene.pudney@colchester.gov.uk for further details.

High Woods Country Park is accessible by rail and is approximately ¾ a mile away from Colchester North Station. Bus routes available from North Station and Colchester Town. Road access from A120. Park entrance on Turner Road.

Peter Baxter, Godalming, Surrey

I would be pleased to see anybody on site at the wood in Westbrook Road in Godalming who has an interest in Agroforestry.

Whilst I am a long way from true agro forestry I am in process of building the site up and the main work done so far has been clearing etc. I would welcome fellow agroforesters mainly for their viewpoint on what I ought to be doing and useful advice.

The site is 8 minutes walk from Godalming Railway station which is approx 50 minutes travelling time from Waterloo Station in London. This year I have planted Apple trees and Blackberries on a "if you cant beat em join em" basis. The main focus is the 9 beehives that I run and to this end visits lunchtime Monday would be most convenient. If a beekeeper bring your protective clothing.

My home phone is 01483 422068 which has a recorder and it would be wise to check if I am available before you come .

Naturewise Forest Garden

Margaret McMillan Nursery School. Hornsey Rise. London N19.

I am planning to get the forest garden open **two** days a month this year, the usual **last** sat of the month then the **2nd** sat.

This will start from April through till September. The usual times will continue 11.am till 4or 5 depending on day.

I have spoken to Mary Hart the head and she has said that I can take groups or individuals around the FG during term time as long as I give the school notice.

Buses: 41, 210, 91. Tube Archway or Fins Park. Top entrance of school, through small Car Park. We often bring food to share, or something to drink when its cold. For more details ring Claire White 07789 843 061 or claire.white-@tiscali.co.uk

Philip Hardy, Bush Copse, Bush Lane, Rusper Road, Horsham, West Sussex
01403 262100

Email philiphardy.bushcopse@virgin.net

Bush Copse

Bush Copse is a small wood near the northern edge of the town of Horsham. In 1995 I was lucky to purchase part of the wood and part of an adjacent field, totalling five acres. My main aim has been to establish a walnut grove, though many other fruit and productive trees have been included, using agroforestry and permaculture design ideas.

The site has several problems, the field part, now an orchard, was used for intensive wheat production, which impacted and impoverished the clay soil. This is slowly being corrected with compost, sawdust, lime and wood ashes. The orchard is also very exposed to wind from east and west, which shelter belts are gradually providing protection from. The woodland was in very poor condition at purchase. Previous owners had cleared out the underwood and dumped poultry manure in large piles. This had killed many of the remaining trees and led to rampant nettle and thistle growth. In 1996 the worst affected parts of the woodland was felled, the manure spread, and trees planted (oak, cherry, walnut and ash).

To date the walnut grove has 80 trees with also, 4 almonds, 20 hazels and 3 hickories. Mixed in with them are another 70 fruiting trees, as well as legumes and osiers. The walnuts are just beginning to bear crops. The replanted woodland has mostly grown well, with alder and hazel self seeding into parts of it. The long term plan for the wood is walnut standards(for nuts), the best cherries kept for timber and the oak and ash cut for coppice, returning the wood to its original named use, ie Bush Copse, both words meaning coppiced wood.

In 2002 a high fenced compound was erected, and a water tank constructed. A range of soft fruit is now being grown, and vegetables are growing in raised beds, this area though has not been completed yet. I hope to erect a polytunnel this year. Charcoal is also produced on site, using coppiced wood from other parts of Bush Copse.

Directions via public transport.

Littlehaven is a small station halt in the north of Horsham. Bush Copse is approximately 1 mile away. Take the road north from the level crossing by the station. Cross two roundabouts going north. The second roundabout crosses the A264 dual carriageway which is dangerous! From there continue north on the Rusper road for approximately 250m. On the left you will find a farm track / bridleway. Follow this track for half a mile, and on the left will be a steel barred gate next to a young woodland. This is Bush Copse. If the gate is open I am there.

Directions by car

From the A24 take the A264 north of Horsham. Turn left at the first roundabout. Approximately 250m on the left is a farm track / bridleway set back from the road. Leave your car here. Take the track on foot for half a mile, and on the left will be a

steel barred gate next to a young woodland. This is Bush Copse. If the gate is open I am there.

Bush Copse is not open to the general public, though you have a good view of the woodland part from the bridleway, and the orchard can be viewed from a footpath along the western edge (accessed through holly bushes at corner of the track before Bush Copse). If the gate is open, I will be there, so come in and say hello. If you want a guided tour, please email me to arrange a date and time.

Forest Farm Peace Garden, Hainault, Essex

Picture yourself (not in a boat on a river) but in a forest where almost everything around you is edible. Fruit and nut trees form an open canopy and if you look closely, you can see fruits of all descriptions swelling on the branches. Apples, pears, almonds, cherries, mulberries, walnuts, figs and plums to name but a few..... Hundreds of shrubs fill in the gaps between the trees bearing ripe, ready to eat blackcurrants and gooseberries, hazelnuts, raspberries, blueberries and many other unusual fruits you may never have heard of. Assorted wildflowers, wild edibles, herbs and perennial greens of all descriptions cover the ground in a thick layer and are themselves interspersed with groundcover strawberries and raspberries of differing colours and flavours. Here and there grape, kiwi and passion flower vines trail through the canopy dangling their tantalising treats for all to enjoy. Everywhere the air is alive with the fragrance of honeysuckle and the buzz of insects going about their busy lives. Butterflies of all description flutter about on the wind and dragonflies skim the surface of the pond. Our extensive apiary is a constant source of wonder, interest and productivity. In some areas there are stands of coppiced hazel, chestnut, willow and ash for use in the garden and for creating beautiful arts and crafts.

This is the vision we are slowly creating at Forest Farm Peace Garden and we are always looking for help within the Forest Garden as well as with the rest of the food production areas and ongoing projects. We are open Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, for those wishing to volunteer but please ring first to arrange a visit.

Address: Forest Farm Peace Garden
Hazelbrouck Gardens
Hainault
Essex
IG6

E-mail: ffpg2004@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: Gareth - 0791 3089979 or Stefan - 07963 762667

Directions:

To get to the garden, take the Central Line or Buses 150, 247 to Hainault Station. Turn left out of the station onto New North Road, turn left down Hazelbrouck Gardens, walk to the end and we are through the gates and under the bridge.

Map:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?G2M?X=544983&Y=191193&A=Y&Z=1>

Grant Sonic, Nr Andover, Hants

Project is a small garden project, just started.

A virtual visit can be made anytime by going to <http://www.edibleforestteam.org/garden.htm> . Other visits by arrangement.

People who want to visit should get in contact 07941 705761/contact@edibleforestteam.org

I can give directions for finding the garden to people who want to visit when they get in contact.

Knollmead Permaculture Reserve, Kingston-Upon-Thames

Located next to Knollmead Allotments and near Tolworth railway station in Kingston-Upon-Thames.

Contact by email brian.shindler@talk21.com

A one acre mixed reserve planted in 1992 with fruit trees, soft fruit, cobnuts, planted and wild trees and shrubs, pond, annual veg and the occasional bramble.

Visitors welcome by arrangement.

Anna Kwilecka, Kingston Orchard Project

Knollmead Allotment Site, Tolworth (next to Knollmead Primary School's main entrance).

This project started at the end of April last year. We have 60 by 30 metres of land. First trees went in with help of Capital Growth team on 31 Jan. We are aiming at a mixture of popular fruit trees and plants for the future (copying Martin Crawford mainly) as well as raising new plants for sale/exchange. We meet every Sunday 2-5pm. Other times can be arranged. Please confirm your visit by writing to kingstonorchard@gmail.com or texting 07940405578.

Stepney City Farm, London

We planted the canopy and small tree layer of our 200m² forest garden In December 2010/January 2011, with funding from the permaculture association. We are currently planning the other layers of the garden, and are hoping to plant more soon! We are a diverse group of volunteers with very different backgrounds and experiences, who plan the layout, design and plants chosen by participatory meetings, in collaboration with a local school group. We are open to any visitors from 10am – 4pm Saturdays and Sundays, and are happy to give tours of the site/ forest garden by arrangement. Please e-mail gabby@stepneycityfarm.org or simon@stepneycityfarm.org for details.

We are easy to get to, as we are in the heart of the east end of London, 10 minutes walk away from Stepney Green Tube Station. See map and directions here:
<http://www.bing.com/maps/?FORM=MMREDIR#bGikPXluMTAyN3gyNDk5MzA0Njk=>

Mid England

Nick Burton, Yoxall, Staffs

The one acre woodland near Yoxall in Staffordshire is looking established now as most of the trees were planted in 1994. There are ash, birch and aspen for timber and fuel, lime for it's leaves thanks to

Martin's recommendation of salad leaves, and plenty of fruit including medler, peach and quince which all do well, elders great for the wine. Sweet chestnut and walnuts a big success but never get to the hazels in time. Fruit bushes also planted a few years ago, blackcurrants always good but fig and blueberries less consistent. Gojo not the plant that grows anywhere!

Ropes to the canopy for the hop still to be done in 2011, Kiwis survived the winter.

New to 2011 another 1 acre with pond and reed beds.

If anyone would like to visit either site they are welcome, please contact me and arrange a time by e mail on nickjburton@btopenworld.com or phone 07802 401995.

Anni Kelsey. Wendydale, Arlestone Village, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2LX

annikelsey@hotmail.co.uk

I am using forest gardening / permaculture principles in my average sized suburban back garden. There are a variety of fruit trees and bushes in place but space is tight. I have therefore been concentrating on growing as many perennial vegetables and additional plants to support polycultures as I can possibly fit in. This collection now encompasses a range of leafy greens, roots and tubers and different members of the onion family. If anyone has a particular interest in perennial vegetables I would like to hear from them!

Anne Adams, The Folley, Luston, Herefordshire, HR6 0BX

Area about 1/8 acre, started about 2000. Mixture of shrubs and trees, nuts and fruit.

Visit any time, phone first 0845 458 8109 or 01568 780886.

Nearest rail station Leominster, bus from there, about every 2 hours, but 10 mins walk from railway. Get off at Yarpole Lane, Luston, (just out of village), walk down lane/road to thatched cottage, Folley Cottage on right, and go up track between it and red brick bungalow. By car similar, Richards Castle Road from Leominster, to Luston.

Ecoworks Community Garden Project, Nottingham

Roughly the size of one allotment. Interplanted in an 7 year old orchard. Other permaculture plants dotted around the site

Tuesdays and Thursdays are when the community garden is open although we usually have open days every quarter

People can phone our office (0115) 9112522 for details of the project and to receive details about pick up times or a map to the site. The site is on the largest and oldest allotment site in the country so people need to ring first or they will get lost in the maze of avenues!

email ecoworks@gn.apc.org

Sneinton Forest Garden. Nottingham

This is also on an allotment site near Greens Mill. Keys for the site can be obtained from the windmill which is working mill grinding organic flour and visitor centre (Green was a famous scientist who's dad was the miller)

The site was planted in Spring 2000 and was 2 derelict allotments previously workdays are on the last Saturday of the month Details from Paul on (0115) 9780019 or email sneintonforestgarden@hotmail.com

PermOrganics Forest Garden

Dickens Farm, The Lane, Rothersthorpe, Northampton, NN7 3JE

Tel; 07885 981789

email info@permorganics.org.uk

www.permorganics.org.uk

This is a new forest garden project. Based on a 5 acre site within a 300 acre traditional farm and it is part of a permaculture smallholding which operates as a not-for-profit workers co-operative. All the trees have been bought and planted by local people who will benefit from shares in the harvest of the trees they own.

In the centre of the garden there is a Druidic Wood Henge being developed which will create a sacred grove of the 13 trees that the Druids used to mark the passage of time and seasons. This space is available for quiet contemplation, seasonal celebrations and rites of passage, please ask for details.

Visits can be at any time during opening hours which are Monday to Saturday from 10am until 3pm in the winter and 10am until 6pm in the spring and summer.

We would like visitors to help us develop the gardens, bring their ideas and energy but above all the come and enjoy being around the trees. There is much work to be done to complete the planting areas and we welcome work parties small or large!

Camping spaces are available for stays of more than one day.

Please confirm your wish to visit one week in advance, by either e-mail info@permorganics.org.uk or telephoning; 07885 981789

Directions to the site.

www.multimap.com

postcode is NN7 3JE

by public transport; from Northampton bus station take the number 88 or 89 to Milton Malsor – it drops off at The Greyhound pub. We can arrange pick up from here.

Graeme Bale, Barby, Warks

INTRODUCTION - For the past 15 years we have been the custodian of a smallholding of approx 3.15 hectares (7.8 acres) that is near the county borders of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire, the leafy shires of the UK.

The holding has always been put down to pasture, however the Ridge and Furrow landscaping indicates a great deal of mediaeval cultivation.

The holding is on the north facing side of an undulating escapement that is underlain by lias clay, that overlooks a wide shallow valley. We have a full 180 deg panoramic view with a horizon of 5 miles. The production of good crop of top fruit is going to be very limited, and is going to be a struggle. This is not going to be an excuse for not giving any species or variety a go. It will be a natural selection of the hardiest. When the winter sets in, any sunlight is in short supply. So the winters can be long, before any spring thaw. Equally when the summer heat gets going the surface layer of the soil becomes like concrete.

Previously we have focused mainly on intensive haymaking and on the breeding of Wiltshire Horn sheep, a rare breed. However due to a recent Foot and Mouth disease outbreak and the downturn in viable sheep production etc, an alternative was sought.

The soil analysis (Jan 1998) was pH 6.2, Phosphate index 3 and Potash index 2. The Ph indicates that the soil is slightly acidic, with a Ph of 7 being neutral. Due to the holding being located within a nitrate vulnerable area, this can limit the use of any fertilizers. Due to rain run off sending water and all the chemicals into the streams. This is not a bad thing from the water purity and wild plant point of view, and is in line with our general aims.

VISIONS & AIMS - To maintain a working eco-friendly environment, whereby conservation and not profit is the primary aim of the holding. Maintain a minimalist approach to machinery, with a focus on hands on.

As such allowing access to invited interested parties for educational purposes.

To promote good woodland management and to maintain their ecological, landscape and cultural value and support sustainable timber, and to promote and support rural woodland crafts and skills.

Withdraw from the use of chemicals, as fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, and encourage native flora and fauna, but to actively control grey squirrel and rabbit damage.

To actively seek and source alternative species not normally seen in the UK from around the world, and to encourage the growing of them. To actively exchange (where possible) scion wood, seeds and cuttings etc throughout the world.

PRESENT POSITION – Growing 35 different apple, pear, plum varieties for the last 10 years on semi dwarfing rootstock. This growing by an additional 25 different varieties in the last 2 years and still ever expanding, possibly by a further 25 different varieties this year. Also we are over the last 2 years expanding the types of fruit being grown typically Mulberry, Quince, Persimmon and Medlar etc. We have also been diversifying in the last 2 years by growing different nut varieties, 6 varieties Almonds, 28 varieties Hazel, 12 varieties Sweet Chestnut, 28 varieties Walnuts. We also have 8 Pecans, Black Walnut, Hickory that are not yet currently planted.

Only available time for visits is the weekends, and a tour could last up to 2 hrs.

Aim of the visit is purely educational, with a possible transference of knowledge.

All visits must be confirmed via email at gybale@balesfield.co.uk. Directions will be given with confirmation.

Peter Aspin, Shropshire

The Hollies is an organic farm of forty acres rearing about 60 head of beef cattle. The nature of the project here is designed to bring together elements of the open-field system of agriculture common in Britain until the Enclosure Acts and the agro forestry of mainland Europe and Asia, and create an agriculture more relevant to modern times incorporating arboreal concepts such as surface shading, methane absorption and humidity (mist) harvesting.

For more details see <http://www.silvaspin.org.uk/>

The farm is open to visits by prior arrangement

Contact:

Peter Aspin,
The Hollies,
Wem Lane,
Soulton,
Wem,
Shropshire
SY4 5RT

Email silvaspinpeter@aol.com

Phone 01948 840073

Directions: The Hollies is situated on the B5065 half a mile from the junction with the A49, just south of Whitchurch.

Debbie Harding, Golden Valley, Herefordshire.

This is now the second year of my forest garden. In Spring 2009 I bought 8 acres of lowland hay meadow here in Herefordshire. Over the first year I allowed it to continue as hay meadow and sheep grazing and watched the seasons, the weather, the soil conditions, and observed the wildlife, trees and plants. During the Spring of 2010 I developed a planting plan for approx. 2 acres for the orchard trees and the initial batch of these went in in November 2010. A polytunnel went up and a shed is presently being built. On an initial third acre I am beginning to mulch and plant some bush and ground cover this year. Overall I am also learning about traditionally managing the hedges, and increasing the biodiversity.

This is my 50+ 'project', to actively and healthily spend time outdoors, 'grow' something for the next generations, and provide myself, family, and local community with some seasonal fresh food.

There is still not a lot to see, but people are welcome to contact me or visit if they wish. Please email debb.harding@yahoo.com

Nancy and David Lowe

Oak House Permaculture Project (<http://oakhousepermaculture.blogspot.com>)

01743 860 138 nancy_davies@yahoo.co.uk

Approx 0.5 acres to be developed into forest garden, including edible and medicinal plants, trees and shrubs. Project is in early stages and as yet only small portions of this are up and running. Trees went in late 2009, fruit bushes and understorey going in this year. Organic, no dig vegetable garden established now for 4 years.

Visits for tours of the project are welcome year round, but please phone or email at least a couple of weeks in advance to arrange a date and time (details at top). Week days are possible as well as weekends. Please bring a packed lunch if you intend coming over lunchtime. Otherwise there is a very nice pub at the end of our lane.

Volunteer work days will be coming up, but at this stage in the site development a date is impossible to pin down. Details will be posted up on our blog when we're ready to host volunteers (<http://oakhousepermaculture.blogspot.com>). Work days may include sauna construction, dry stone wall building with reclaimed concrete boulders, compost toilet building, pond making, low-tech rainwater irrigation networks and meadow creation/maintenance. Volunteer days will include free lunch made from food grown on site.

We live near a hamlet called Lea Cross, and are accessible via car, public transport or bike.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT - train to shrewsbury and then minsterley motors bus (552) from main bus station in shrewsbury to Lea Cross (ask for directions to bus station at the train station - it's a 5 minute walk). It may be best to ask the driver to let you know when to get off as our hamlet is very small and easily missed. Once at Lea Cross, it's a 10 minute walk to Oak House - walk on from bus stop to Lea Cross Tavern on left, then take right turn opposite pub and look out for the 'oak house' sign on the left after about 5 minutes walking (or search for SY5 8HY on multimap to see location).

BIKE - cycle to Lea Cross via Annscroft to avoid very busy road and large roundabouts. Please phone us for detailed directions (number at top).

CAR- take Bishops Castle road out of Shrewsbury. Lea Cross is the second place you come to - first is Hanwood. It's a very small hamlet, so take care not to miss it! It includes the first pub out of Hanwood (on the left). Take right turn opposite this pub (Lea Cross Tavern). We are the barn conversion just around the first left bend in the road.

Phil & Teresa Baimbridge

The Coach House
Aylton
Ledbury
Herefordshire
HR8 2QG

01531 670369

Approximately 0.9 acre plot located on pasture (used for potato growing up until 6-7 years ago and then laid to grass). Forest garden with integral raised beds for growing annual vegetables.

Soil is heavy clay and is relatively low lying, so in the wet there is standing water and in the dry it's like concrete. PH is approximately neutral.

Area sub-soiled and rabbit fencing erected November 2009. Windbreak trees and other canopy trees (top fruit, nuts, etc.) planted, with some soft fruits and other plants, over Winter 2009/Spring 2010. Further planting over Winter 2010/Spring 2011.

Planted during a bad winter, followed by a dry spring, but for the most part plants have survived – looks a bit more than twigs stuck into black plastic!

Happy for anybody to visit by prior arrangement – just ring to arrange. No specific times, if I'm about I will be happy to show anybody around, have a natter, drink tea, etc. We are located on the A4172 about 3 miles outside of Ledbury. I'll provide more detailed directions over the phone. Local public transport is pretty useless, but the Herefordshire Trail does run through our property.

Look forward to seeing you.

Eastern & Northern England

Jennifer Lauruol, Lancaster

Stage and size of project: 5-year-old forest garden in suburban setting; also some community gardening in our road and a new community orchard planted on open land nearby; new project at local primary school in the next road.

Times for visits: by pre-arrangement

Telephone: 01524 844648 Mob: 07887 964 498 Email: jennifer@carpe-diem-gardens.co.uk

Post code for Multimap: LA1 3RG We're 1 ½ m from the station, mostly uphill, but beautiful views from the top compensate for the effort

Rachel Benson, Old Sleningford Farm, North Stainley, Near Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 3JB

Forest Garden at Old Sleningford Farm, near Ripon, North Yorkshire Our Forest Garden was started in November 2004 and we have planted in phases over the past 7 years on what was a grass field. It is approximately 1 acre and the various stages of growth can clearly be seen. There are currently about 140 fruit trees and around 350 different varieties of plants. Due to the volumes of produce now being produced, a Community Supported Agriculture Scheme, producing and selling preserves to members within a 5 mile radius of the farm, has been set up. A 2 year research project into pollinating insects is being undertaken by a student at Leeds University, comparing a forest garden to other types of food production systems.

We hold workdays on the 1st Sunday of every month and any one is welcome to come along. 10am to 4pm with lunch provided by us. Other group visits can be arranged, through the Permaculture Association LAND scheme if applicable. We also run 1 day courses in Forest Gardening throughout the year and have community apple juicing and cider making days. 1 week WWOOF places are being started in 2011 with accommodation in a bell tent with wood burning stove.

Please contact us through our website www.oldsleningford.co.uk to discuss visiting the farm as we are not able to show visitors who just drop in on the off chance around.

The farm is near the village of Mickley, 5 miles north of Ripon. Directions are on our website and will be given to any arranged visitors.

Deano, Hagworthingham, Lincs

Project 3 and 3/4 acres in early stages. Partially planted with trees. Aiming to provide pollen/nectar for bees, cover for chickens, and firewood.

Open invite, please contact before visit. 01507 588543 deanom@madasafish.com

Nearest rail stations are Skegness or Lincoln. Take a bus from either to Hagworthingham. We are the last house on the Western Edge of the Village. if in doubt, ask at the cafe.

Hetty Selwyn, Saxthorpe, Norfolk

Our field is a project developing permaculture ideas and principles in a practical way. The dates are an invitation for you to join us for a weekend camp and participate in growing food, living simply and enjoying our surroundings. If you would like to book or have any questions please contact us (Tel. 01692 400937 or hettysselwyn@btinternet.com) at least a week in advance.

What we provide: a quiet (depending who else is camping!) field to camp in, fire to cook on, some food grown on site, compost loos. Crockery, pans etc are available. Cost: £5 per person per night. We do not have mains water on site so if you are able to bring full water containers please do so together with any other comforts or luxuries you require.

Accommodation can be provided at extra cost (caravan/tipi) if arranged in advance

Joanna Dornan, Leeds

New forest garden being planted this year (plants in containers so will be planting out trees and shrubs all spring and into summer. Continuing in Autumn winter. Approx 1 acre.

Workdays: 1 saturday or sunday per month, open to anyone, food shared and cooked on site, bring food to share/cook. Also fortnightly weekly workdays

Contact Joanna for specific dates: joannadornan@yahoo.co.uk Please confirm visit. tel 07923221268

From Leeds City Centre, trainstation or bus station, get any bus to Hyde Park Corner (10 mins on bus from city centre), get off at Hyde Park Corner, cross over the road and turn right at hyde park corner crossroads into Woodhouse street. Take 2nd left turn (very soon after crossroads) into Woodhouse Cliff, this is a short cul-de-sac, the site is on the left after the bend in the road.

Multi map wouldn't find Woodhouse cliff, this is the link for cliff rd which is very near, woodhouse cliff is marked on the map.

http://www.multimap.com/maps/?qs=Woodhouse+cliff%2C+Leeds&countryCode=GB#map=53.81579,-1.55901|18|4&bd=useful_information&loc=GB:53.81757:-1.56041:17|cliff%20rd,%20Leeds|Cliff%20Road,%20Leeds,%20West%20Yorkshire,%20England,%20LS6%202

Newton Rigg, Penrith, Cumbria

Two new projects being initiated in 2010 are:

Newton Rigg Forest Garden – a small forest garden set within the National School of Forestry Arboretum in the University of Cumbria's Penrith campus.

Cumbria Forest Food Network – a support and research network for forest garden projects across Cumbria, aiming to inspire and encourage individual and community forest garden projects. As a first stage of this, we are mapping existing and potential projects in the area. If you have a project then please get in touch.

Contact: Dr Naomi van der Velden, Plant Ecologist N.vanderVelden@Cumbria.ac.uk
Tel. +44 (0) 1768 89 3722

Alex Hunter

I am a collector / cultivator of seeds and plants of less common edible and useful species in anticipation of a future project. Please get in touch if you are interested in swapping seeds, cutting, plants etc. Based in Norfolk.

awh.hunter@gmail.com

Suzi High, Pudsey

1/2 standard allotment size, 9 trees, oldest 3 guilds are 4 years, next 5 are 3 years old, still doing lots of annuals in the gaps, and closing the gaps with perennials

Visits by appointment, we are generally quite flexible with enough notice, it is an allotment site so we do need to respect other site users needs. Can give a tour - we are part of a local food growing group demonstrating urban permaculture, so can include home and garden scale demonstrations in the tour.

Contact suzi_cherrytree@yahoo.com tel. 0757 9002355

If you are in a car: there is no vehicle access to the site, please park in one of the car parks in Pudsey town centre, ask directions to the library

If you are on the bus: get off at the Pudsey bus station then ask directions to the library

If you are on the train and have a bike, call me for direction - if you don't have a bike catch the bus (the train station is 20 minutes walk mostly uphill)

Then: From outside the library cross the road, walk uphill past the post office, turn right up the steep hill, keep going onto the foot path, you will see the allotment site on your left - we are plot no 3

TRY- Growing Food Together (TRY = Transition Richmond Yorkshire)

Projects (1) Richmond, North Yorkshire. Pasture once grazed now to be planted up as a community forest garden, approximately 3 acres, SW facing slope 220m above sea level. To begin March 2011
(2) Richmond, North Yorkshire. Old and neglected town orchard dating back to late 19th century beside the River Swale. Plan to infill as a forest garden for general public to stroll through. Approximately 1.5 acres
(3) Richmond, North Yorkshire. Newly created community garden on an historic site - 17th century formal garden and later Georgian hay meadow. 10 'glades' for plotholders' own vegetables within and to be planted communal usable plants.

Stage All three newly created/leased 2011 and all advice welcomed.

Viewing by appointment so that people connected with each site can be on hand to ask and answer questions.

Contact details Sally Reckert, 24 Maison Dieu, Richmond DL10 7AU, North Yorkshire
Tel: 01748 822640

Email sally@transitionrichmond.org

Scotland

Miles Goodman, The Old Dairy, Kirkmichael, Perthshire PH10 7NT

This two acre site is beginning to mature, though we continue to plant, clear and coppice. We are incorporating livestock into the system, and growing vegetables in a no-dig garden. We welcome all visits, but please call or email first. A helping hand is always most welcome, and we can offer accommodation for anyone who would like to stay a night or two. Projects this year include the hydro-power system, composting toilet and green woodwork area.

Tel: 01250 881 435

email: miles@camnacar.co.uk

James Ferguson, central Scotland

I have a 600 acre site in Central Scotland
<http://www.strangeredthing.co.uk/os/cr/index.html>
and am looking for ideas to develop it

I am interested in making the site as diverse as possible and welcome any advice, or contacts that you may be able to help me.

I have 2 forests divided by a river, the 200 acre one was cut over 10 years ago, and is regenerating with no management.

The other 400 acre is planted out early 60's and needs to be felled.

My idea was to involve as much participation as possible and stand back from the grant system ,
and let others take advantage, a noble idea but not perhaps possible.

The soil I believe is mostly peat, as we are next to a site called Flanders Moss which is a raised peat land bog. I am honest enough to tell you I don't have a clue as to the best way forward, all I know is I would like a useful forest.

Contact: orionskyltd@aol.com

Andrew Ramponi – Roundel Woods

See at www.roundelwoods.blogspot.com

Ireland

Richard Webb, Springfields, Ballywaltrim Lane, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

This is a private garden of 1.5 acres (0.6 ha.) run on permaculture lines. The forest garden is a small part of this, established for ten years, with many mistakes!, also wetland treatment system, sally garden (willows), polytunnel, keyline irrigation and riparian woodland

Informal weekend (Sats only) visits, no groups except by arrangement, no lunches. Please note that the site has bees, dogs and steep slopes.

Please phone (+353 1 2866991 or 2866154) to confirm visit a week before. Directions will be given by phone. We can be reached by a 145 bus from Dublin and by bus from Bray via the DART suburban rail from Dublin.

Kinsale Further Education College
Bandon Road, Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland

The Kinsale FEC has been running a 2-year course in Practical Sustainability including Permaculture, Woodland Management and Natural Building, since 2000. Forest Gardening forms an essential part of the course but the gardens are as yet embryonic.

We have been developing them further in 2006 with the planting of several fruit trees and nut trees from the ART. There is a site of about half an acre with great potential, and a the college and course affords a great opportunity to develop demonstration Forest Gardens within the small town of Kinsale.

We would welcome visit from others interested in or with experience in the field of Forest Gardening.

Visits to the college can be by appointment only.

Contact Course Co-ordinator Graham Strouts graham@zone5.org

Forest Gardens at Derryduff Mor, Coomhola, Nr. Bantry, Co. Cork

Four acres of forest gardens being developed on permaculture plot in West Cork since 2001.

Hazel, willow and sweet chestnut coppice; mixed woodlands; bamboos; over 50 fruit and nut trees, some now beginning to produce;

Established soft fruit, climbers and vegetable gardens;

Herbaceous layers and ground cover being established;

Sizeable pond with potential for edible water plants;

Forest garden walks, talks and workshops.

Nearby: Cuibin Farm Permaculture Nursery started 2009;

Permaculture design and landscaping services;

Exchanges with other forest gardeners for inspiration and plants welcomed; research into useful plants for South West Ireland.

Please contact:

graham@zone5.org

Blog with some forest garden content:

www.zone5.org

Linda Fitzsimons, Ross, Tara, Co. Meath, Ireland. Email lindyfitz@oceanfree.net

Stage and size of project: 6 year old forest garden, fairly small with five fruit trees and lots of smaller bushes and herbs/flowers/veg.

If anyone wants to contact me a visit can be arranged no problem. Lunch/tea/ dinner provided. If people could just let me know in advance 046-25327. You leave out the 0 if calling from outside Eire. It's fairly close to Dublin.

It's very easy to get to by bus from Dublin, if you ring I'll let you know what bus, or it's also easy to drive here. Less than an hour from Dublin city centre. Looking forward to seeing you all!!!

Christopher Mouze and Ciara Cullen
Clare Island retreat centre, Clare Island, Co Mayo, Ireland
(353)98.25412 / (353)87.2504845
www.yogaretreats.ie

Forest garden being created from orchard, about 10 years old; shrub layer 2 to 5 years old and still being developed, lower layer 1 year old - about 1/3 acre in total. Woodland is 14 years old.

Open invite - check our website at www.yogaretreats.ie to see if we have a course running. If not, we will have time to take you around the garden. If we have a course running, try to call early afternoon, and don't expect much of a guided tour. Best to ring in advance 098.25412 or email christophe@yogaretreats.ie

See <http://www.yogaretreats.ie/getting.htm> for directions. We're 30 min walk from the harbour on the lighthouse road. You can book a taxi by ringing 098.25640. If you are lucky, we might be able to collect you at the harbour!

Liam Murtagh, Derrycreevy, Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, Ireland.

Site is over 1 acre of which c 0.5 acre is now beginning to be developed into a forest garden. The remainder mainly consists of some woodland of oak, ash and hazel (9 year old) which was planted for coppicing. The site is on a former small sand/gravel quarry. It is elevated with a southerly facing aspect and has panoramic views of the drumlin and lake countryside but it is exposed to prevailing winds. Also on the site are raised annual vegetable beds, ponds, a waste water reed bed / willow bed and a restored / extended stone farmhouse on which mainly reclaimed materials were used. On the forest garden site the bramble, sycamore and blackthorn are being cut back for a phased planting of more varied range of forest garden plants.

The site is within 2 km of the town of Castleblayney. Visits can be arranged by contacting the tel number below:

(from outside Rep of Ireland) 353 42 9746269 or 042 9746269 (from within the Rep of Ireland) or email murtaghliam@hotmail.com

Janet Hawker, Lauragh, Nr Kenmare, Kerry, Ireland

Very early stages. 5 acres of land right by the sea.

50m x 20m yr 1 or yr 2 trees planted

.5 – 1 acre starting to plant

For personal use only and trying out what will work so close to the sea.

Welcome to call to arrange short tour if in the area.

Carraig Dúlra

Organic and Permaculture teaching farm is a family run project in Co Wicklow, Ireland, it is 3.8 acres with a 1 acre developing food forest in its 5th year.

Open Invite:

We welcome visitors year round by arrangement via email info@dulra.org or phone 0035340469570 or 00872223412

Carraig Dúlra, also OOOOBY store c/o Glenealy Landscape Garden Ctnr, Glenealy, Co Wicklow, Ireland both marked on Google Earth.

Directions available on our website www.dulra.org

Woodland Sanctuary, c/o Anne & Jim Benham, Mountshannon, Co. Clare, Ireland

23 acres of mixed habitat (pasture, orchard, bog, regenerating mixed woodland, riverbank and a small plot of vegetable garden, polytunnel and human habitation) and associated wildlife, incl. very free ranging chickens, ducks and dogs (to keep the deer at a distance). Having been neglected since the 1960's, we have taken up stewardship of this plot of land 14 years ago and are since sensitively developing the landscape by inter-planting with herbs, flowers, fruit and nuts, establishing coppice areas for our fuel needs and future building projects, whilst incorporating principles of forest gardening and adopting an environmentally sensitive approach to our human co-existence with the landscape.

We are open for visitors by arrangement, offering guest accommodation and catering if required and are happy to offer our space for hosting events/training courses. There are plenty of wild areas left, providing opportunities for study and horticultural projects.

See our website for further details: <http://www.woodlandsanctuary.weebly.com>

To contact us, email woodland.sanctuary@yahoo.ie , phone 00353-85-7058026 or 00353-87-1252738

Southern Europe

Chris & Lisa Beer, Sao Jorge Island, Azores

My name is Chris Beer and my wife Lisa and I would like to invite anyone who may be interested, to come and visit our place on Sao Jorge Island in the Azores archipelago (38N, 28W), to help with the establishment of a new forest garden.

We have been running a whale and dolphin research company for 15 summers in the Azores and have now finally decided to settle out there. We have bought a 15 acre site as our base and plan to build accommodation for our whale watch guests, with solar power, rain water harvesting, organic food and an educational centre. My inspirations are books by Robert Hart, Patrick Whitehead and also Masanobu Fukuoka and I am creating a forest garden on an area of our land currently planted with 45 avocado trees. The area measures around 100 x 80m and is a south facing slope with windbreak trees along the southern edge. Be warned that I am not by any means an expert and won't be teaching as such as I have very little gardening experience, but I am fairly well read, a very practical person and keen to have a go at this project. Beginners and experts are welcome and some food and accommodation would be provided, in exchange for help.

You can get to Sao Jorge by either flying from Lisbon to Horta (airport code HOR) and taking the 2 hour ferry on Wed, Fri, or Sun (twice daily mid June to mid Sept) or flying Lisbon to Terceira (TER) and then onto Sao Jorge (SJZ). There are no ferries from mainland Europe - its 900 miles! We can meet you at the ferry or airport. Walking on the island is also superb. I can be contacted on Tel/ +351292 393 427 Fax 392428 and on my mobile on +351 96 527 4312. Email is info@whalewatchazores.com . Our website for anyone interested in the whales is www.whalewatchazores.com

If you are interested please get in touch.

Ecoforest, Malaga, Spain

Project stage and size: purchased in 2000 - three types of land: a) traditional monocultural orange grove, in gradual transformation (approx 0.4 Ha); b) traditional almond and olive slope, in gradual transformation (approx. 0.2 Ha); c) degraded bare land with a small number of native oak, in gradual transformation. All basically in the early stages of transformation, although the orange grove shows good progress with a limited number of perennial and self-seeding greens.

Visits - generally possible (although not guaranteed) throughout the year. Week time preferable. Call first to arrange, at least a week in advance. (00 34) 661 079 950. Or e-mail if earlier in advance info@ecoforest.org

No specific exchange for visits - donations welcome (charitable sustainable living/eco-education project), or input of specialist skills, or gifts of useful seeds/plants.

Directions to the site, information on our permaculture courses and further information about the project are available from our website at www.ecoforest.org

Steve and Yvonne Page, Chez Forest, 87600 Chéronnac, FRANCE
(+33) (0)555 486 362

The 3600m² (0.9 acre) forest garden at Chez Forest was started in 1992 and is growing into an interesting and productive polyculture with some 400 species and varieties of plants. The fg forms part of a 1.6ha (4 acre) plot of mainly woodland and natural regeneration. No powered machinery is used on the site.

Visits anytime by arrangement. Please write or telephone to fix date/time and get directions. Unfortunately there is no public transport nearby.

Serge Polman, Creuse, France

Project of designing a forest garden.

0555 644897(during mealtime)

jannekeserge@free.fr

The project contains the design and creation of a small forest garden producing food etc. for one family (2 adults, 2 kids) on 1 hectare.

On this hectare we have an orchard (10 years old), a vegetable garden, a small forest (ancient chestnut orchard repopulated by local plants after 1930) and a house.

The project is still in its very beginning. The first step will be the design. Knowledge about local varieties is available. Exchange of information is very welcome!

Visits are possible the whole year. The easiest for us is in the warmer seasons if you would like to stay longer than one day. Camping is possible for 5 days maximum. Only cold water.

Please phone us before coming. We will give you a description how to get here.

Robert Alcock, Cantabria, N.Spain

Project: 0.8 ha (2 acre) forest garden started in 2005 as part of a new ecological studies centre in N Spain. See www.lesspress.com for full details

Times and aim: General invite for visits (in exchange for voluntary work, if possible)

Please confirm ahead of time, ralcock@euskalnet.net or +34 944750534

Directions: In the village of Llanez, Cantabria, N Spain. 15 min from nearest railway station: Treto (FEVE Santander-Bilbao); exit 177 on A8 Santander-Bilbao. Contact me for detailed directions.

Adolfo Rosati and Darcy Gordon, Italy

PROJECTS:

On-going experimentation in mature (10-year old) and new (planted 2006) forest garden fields as part of our 20-hectare organic farm/B&B. We specialize in rare and minor fruit crops, species of forest-gardening interest, and heritage fruit varieties.

LOCATION:

We're located in the Valnerina, 20 minutes outside of the town of Spoleto, in Italy.

VISITS:

Please contact us by telephone or email well ahead of time to get information on upcoming work parties, to arrange a visit, and to get detailed directions on how to locate us. Email adorosati@virgilio.it, telephone +39-0743-616300.

Bridget Matthews, Tuscany, Italy

Our project was started in Autumn 2000 and is an area of about 750m². So far we have planted about 50 trees (mainly fruit) and shrubs. We have dug and lined a small pond, and are in the process of planting an evergreen hedge around the site. Next winter we hope to start planting the ground cover layer and have laid an area with woven plastic sheet mulch in preparation for this.

We are only able to have visits by previous arrangement and they will be in the form of a tour lasting about an hour.

ALL visits must be arranged in advance, contact Bridget Matthews,
e-mail: tidge@reta.net or telephone: (Italy) 0565 765001

We are situated about one hour south of Pisa & Livorno on the west coast of Tuscany. The nearest train station is Castagneto Carducci and we can collect from the station if necessary. More details will be provided when arranging the visit.

Sustainable Forest Garden Farm Project Mid - Portugal

Our names are Annie Johnston and Toivo Finn.

We have a 7 hectare site of which a part has been a forest garden for 12 years. We are currently working to extend the project over 2 more hectares of the site. The whole project is fairly well developed and we have gained considerable experience in this climate.

You can see our website for more details

www.sustainableforestgardenfarmproject.weebly.com

Because we are so far away it seems most sensible for us to offer visiting at any time people might be in the area. We can offer tours to other members as long as we have a bit of notice. We are happy for people to bring a tent and stay. You are invited to have a good look around and share knowledge and experiences with us when you visit.

Email boico@iol.pt or through the contact form on our website. Contact us for details of how to get here if you intend to come for a visit.

Pete and Bron Kirby, Cote d'Armor, Brittany, France

Coat Moelou is a 20 hectare upland farm. The land consists of a large area of deciduous woodland, used up to about 60 years ago by charcoal burners, fringed by overstore hazel coppice. There is about 6 hectares of permanent pasture which is cut for hay once a year and several hectares of wild water meadows.

With permaculture central to our approach, we are endeavouring to use the opportunities this parcel of land presents to establish a productive and sustainable farm.

A south facing, gently sloping meadow had been allowed to begin its reversion to natural vegetation. Areas had been invaded by oak spinney, perhaps now 30 years old, with large clumps of gorse, broom and bramble. We are using the sheltered grassland areas amongst this to plant hazel, chestnut and walnut orchards.

Additional shelter is being created by plots of hybrid willow, suitable for fuel, to be coppiced on a 5 year rotation.

Hay is cut with the help of neighbours, who share the crop. We use the poorest bales to mulch the ground prior to planting trees and afterwards as mulch for the trees in their first years.

Gradually we are bringing the woodland hazel back into cycle, providing firewood, posts, poles hurdle making stakes to be used with the willow, and making charcoal in a pit kiln with the smaller wood.

The charcoal is an important ingredient in our compost making-used for the vegetable garden as well as to feed the orchards.

We have begun to keep bees, which has made us even more aware of the need to replant lost hedgerows with insect fodder, nitrogen fixers and potential coppice-and to develop south facing woodland edge with fruiting shrubs and trees.

We have been working on this project for 5 years now and each day continues to present new challenges and ideas! If you are in brittany and would like to visit us, please contact us by e-mail bronpetek@lineone.net

Herbert Pröhl, L'Epine, France

email: herb.prohl@gmail.com

Establishment of a Forest Garden in L'Epine, a small village in the French High Alps, at almost 900 m, on about 4000 m².

I would like to find like minded growers of forest gardens, to be able to share knowledge and wisdom on designing "in situ" and growing a forest garden in the mountains. Interest in grafting techniques, especially on wild rootstock - *crataegus*, *pyrus*, *prunus* & *rosa*.

Hobby beekeeper. Member of the French rare fruit growers.

Visitors welcome, free camping or accommodation for forest gardeners, to enhance direct contact and knowledge exchange.

Conversation in english, french, german & spanish (despacio)

Tony Fuller & Jenny Law

Les Fromages, Berbiguieres 24220, Dordogne, France

The garden being transformed is around 1600/2000 sq metres and is in it's very early stages of clearing and planting.

'Opening hours': As we're retired we could be available at any time, between 10 am and 6 pm, there are no arrangements for lunch because we're close to a small town which has a number of inexpensive restaurants.

There are currently no specific aims, other than to have a look at work in progress, make suggestions and give advice, perhaps swap plants (troc) and look at the rest of the garden, including the potager and other area of fruit trees.

Need to confirm the week before the visit, email: tonyfuller47@gmail.com

Getting to our place is quite difficult. If people wish to visit, it would be easier to send them the directions via email. Parking is not too easy so could only have two cars here at a time.

Wolfgang Keresztesi & Ingrid Zacher

La Lombarde Ouest

24230 St. Vivien France

wkeres@web.de

La Lombarde is a place where spiritual training is combined with taking care of our responsibility for the land and our transition-situation in general.

Our playground is 15 ha -mostly were meadows when we took over from a french farmer couple 7 years ago. So the long term project is to create a more sustainable landscape with a more intelligent design adapted to the turbulent times we are going to face including climate extremes and food supply shortages after peak-oil.

(Actually we recently saw on GOOGLE-Earth in last springs update how much the place has changed already.)

Forest garden is in its beginning (1-3a) on Ingrid's 2500m² experimental patch embedded in a permaculture atmosphere of an alternative whole system -and we use the great inspiration from Martin Crawford's (and other's) books as well in other contexts, like the orchard and the walnut windshield.

Our website has a section with views of the scenery:

[http://lalombarde.npage.eu/permaculture_90100308.html]

Visitors:

We are WWOOF-hosts and there is the possibility to visit us on agreement -we have accomodation in houses and tent for our guests.

Northern & Central Europe

Frederik Deemter, Harpstedt, GERMANY

Address Barjenbruch 3, 27243 Harpstedt, Germany Bremen

Project: 2,2 Hectare, started in 1995, all possible Trees, shrubs, with edible parts (many sorts, most still small), fruit-, nut trees, bamboos etc. Zone 7, windy site.

Visits: please contact in advance, also during week-ends, for a few hours.

Further details by telephone: 0049 4244 1771.

Allmende e.V.-Gemeinschaftlicher Permakulturgarten für Verden

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Allmende – common permaculture-gardens for Verden

Stage and size your project:

Our Land has 7ha of *Geestrücken* (which is a geological thing that is a sandhill) and for this has a sandy consistency. It was conventional acerland in 1997 when the group got it. Since then we planted 200 culture trees and about 1000 native shrubs for wind protection. Inside a hardly completed suntrap is a 90m²-mulchbed for annual vegetables in a rotation-system and perennials.

The focus is on edible plants suitable for self-sufficiency without the use of machines. Another aspect of its model-character is, that its build up without importing noteworthy amounts of biomass.

Most of the time we can have visitors, but you have to arrange a point of time for we're not living near the garden (5-6 km). When you know at what time would fit you, we can arrange a meeting and it is easy for us to bring something to eat or cook in the garden.

It is often possible to offer accommodation for free.

We will need help by end of June, when our landlord forces us to mow creeping thistle. At that point of time we hire an expensive mowing machine and have to mow for 20 hours in two days.

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Directions:

From the railway station (6,5km, maybe you can bring a bike? Often we can arrange that someone is lending a bike to you 15 minutes from the station). The station is „Verden/ Aller“: Follow the platform in the direction of Bremen (which is westwards) go into the pedestrian underpass and walk righthand through it. Keep your direction and you're getting on the street „Lindhooper Str.“, follow it uphill for about 200m to big cross-way (there's a „ARAL“-filling-station). Turn left into the „Artilleriestr.“. Righthand behind the „Netto“-supermarket there's the ecocenter („Ökologisches Zentrum“), this is where our bureau is. To get to the garden, pass by the ecocenter and follow the street until it ends crossing the „Brunnenweg“, turn righthand and follow the Brunnenweg out of the city and through the forest. Behind the forest at the next crossing turn right and undercross the motorway. After about a kilometer you come to the village „Scharnhorst“. Pass through it and undercross the railway. After the railway-bridge turn left into the second farm track. Follow it for 200m and you will see the permaculture-garden.

By car: Take the departure „Verden-Ost“ from the motoway A27 and follow the sign „Kirchlinteln“. A crossing comes after one or 200m. Turn left there and drive on, even

when there's a prohibition sign where the asphalt ends. On the farm track take the first farm track to the right after some hundred meters. You're getting into the village „Scharnhorst“. When the street divides, turn left and the next right. Pass through Scharnhorst and undercross the railway. After the railway-bridge turn left into the second farm track. Follow it for 200m and you will see the permaculture-garden.

The Edible Garden (Den spiselige hagen) – Trondheim, Norway

Located 10 miles east of the city of Trondheim in Norway, this season will be our 26th here. The garden is a little over ½ acre and has beautiful views over the Trondheimsfjord, Norway's largest fjord. Not far south of the Arctic Circle, the weather is remarkably mild, but with rather cool summers. The garden is one of a network of organically run gardens in Norway (since the late 1980s) and can be visited by pre-arrangement. Seaweed is the only imported fertiliser, collected locally each spring. A wide range of vegetables many of which are not commonly grown here (e.g., Runner Beans, Broad Beans, Parsnip etc.) in addition to a selection of fruit (plums, apples, red and blackcurrants, raspberries and gooseberries all grow well; blackberries and pears are more marginal but always produce something). A large collection (>2,500 varieties) of less common edible perennials, herbs and other useful plants from around the world, together with a growing collection of unusual fruit trees and shrubs can be seen. With such a large collection of edibles, owner Stephen Barstow claimed the world salad diversity record in 2003 when a salad with 537 different edibles was created (see Permaculture Magazine No. 50).

The garden can be reached by bus (or bike) from Trondheim. The nearest railway station is Vikhamar from where there is a 20 minute walk.

Address: Stephen Barstow; Malvikveien 418, 7563 Malvik. Telephone: 73 97 76 55 or (mobile) 91529516; Email: stephenb@broadpark.no

Loes Terlouw - Netherlands

1650 m2 garden (including house), small forest garden part (started in 2009), lane with espalier apples, pears and mulberry, vegetable and breeding plots.

I have been breeding skirret for several years yet (aim: lesser, thicker, non fibrous roots) and started this year with good king henry and perennial broccoli. It is not so easy to get hold of seeds of skirret and good king henry, so if you have some quite good plants: seeds of these are very welcome!

Visitors are welcome, although there is not yet much to see! We live in Haren, near Groningen, in the North of the Netherlands. Haren has a railway station and from there it is a 5 minute walk.

Please e-mail to arrange a visit: loesterlouw@gmail.com

Foodforest Ketelbroek, near Nijmegen, Netherlands

This project started about 150 000 years ago, when in this region enormous glaciers of land ice coming from Scandinavia reached as far south as exactly this spot. Hence a relatively low place was created, surrounded by hills being pushed along. Later wind did bring fertile loess, with dust storms originating from the North Sea (in those days without water). In 2009 in this area 2.4 hectare of bare land was purchased. We now are creating a food forest, an orchard for production of cider and establishing nut production (silvoarable).

Hedges have been planted, for beauty, biodiversity and windbreak. Many fruit trees (for instance peach, pawpaw, Japanese plums, kaki), nuts (chestnut, hazel, walnut, heartnut, hickory) and shrubs (as gooseberry, Nanking cherry, Siberian peatree) do promise rich harvests in future times. In between, open spaces are created, both for making pounds and growing our fast food (sun loving crops as potatoes and pumpkins).

Foodforest Ketelbroek is located in the Netherlands, about 12 kilometres south of Nijmegen (actually very close to the border with Germany). The landscape around the spot is beautiful: countryside with some wooded hills and a swamp (both nature reserves) can be seen. Interested members of the Agroforestry and Forest Garden Network are very much welcome to visit. It's good to hear comments and get advices. Camping on the nice spot is a possibility (but be aware, accommodation like toilets are not available over there). We also can offer – if not booked - a small guestroom (two beds) in our common housing project in Nijmegen. Please, do contact in advance to make proper appointments.

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"Waldgärten in Halle e.V." (Germany)

-foundation of the association is in process -our aim is to plant forest gardens in the city of Halle on fallow land or on unused space between buildings -we already shortlisted several possible locations -networking and help is welcome

Contact:

waldgarten-halle@gmx.de

www.facebook.org/waldgarten (by now only in German but visible also for non-registered people)

"Waldgärten in Halle e.V." (BRD)

-der Verein befindet sich in Gründung

-unser Ziel ist es Waldgärten auf dem Gebiet der Stadt Halle auf Brachflächen oder in Baulücken anzulegen -wir haben mehrere potentiell nutzbare Flächen in Aussicht - Vernetzung und Hilfe sind erwünscht

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North America

Robin Wheeler, 1732 Pell Road, Roberts Creek, BC V0N 2W1 CANADA

Grows all sorts of unusual crops. Robin offers free camping to any network members in the area.

Kip Bellairs, Geneva, Florida, USA

Victoria Farm Forest Garden Project , Geneva, Florida USA

Area: 2 acres (.8 hectares)

Canopy/shrub establishment phase

Please email for time to visit and directions: vegans4ever@cfl.rr.com

Project featured on Veganic Agricultural Network website:
<http://www.goveganic.net/spip.php?article157>
